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PACIFIC COAST.

THE RESIGNATION OF SUPERIOR JUDGE SULLIVAN.

A Carson Woman Horsewhips a Canadian—Boy Shot in Tucson—a Reduction in Railroad Fare.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION.

Members Testify on the Trade Relations of British Columbia.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—The Senate Committee continued their investigations of the foreign and general relations of this country with Canada. Senator Vanderveer extended an invitation to the committee to visit Los Angeles, which Senator Hoar will probably accept.

William C. Lynde, a wholesale fish dealer, told the committee he had been doing a great deal of codfishing for the last twenty-three years in Alaska. For the last fifteen years his firm had landed over 800 tons of codfish every year. The can banks on this coast are extremely active, and said he had been most successful in the southern part of the Aleutian Islands. At this point Mr. Lynde gave way to Mr. E. M. Herrick, whom the committee had promised to hear first.

OUR LUMBER INTERESTS.

Edward M. Herrick, representing the Pacific Pine and Lumber Company, then testified. He said that the principal lumber in California was redwood, which is a species of cedar. The lumber production of Washington Territory, north of Columbia river, was 1,200,000,000 feet. The local consumption amounted to 450,000,000 feet, leaving 750,000,000 feet to be marketed by way of the Pacific coast. There were at least 250,000,000 feet of lumber to-day in that part of the United States for which no market could be found. The mills have shut down, so that the only ones kept running seventeen days a month. Lumber is being sold to-day by the cargo at cost. The retail price of lumber is now \$18, the cargo price being \$14. There is a large amount of lumber in the Cascades mountains. The whole of that district is composed of coal and lumber. The capacity of the mills in British Columbia is 200,000,000 feet. Their market is wholly foreign, the local market being insignificant.

AT THE EXPENSE OF LABOR.

There can be no further reduction in the price of lumber on this coast, except at the expense of the laborer. These laborers were becoming more akin to the workers of the past than any other class of men. They were very different to men employed in the lumber mills of Michigan. The British Columbia lumber is sold at a small lumber at \$14 in this market and makes a profit. This was due to the paternal tendencies of the Dominion Government. Their timber lands averaged the same factors as \$10 to \$20. Here the average price was from \$10 to \$20.

THE AMERICAN MARKET.

British Columbia could increase their capacity to supply the American market. The three factors in favor of the British Columbia lumbermen were: 1. Cheaper labor. 2. Cheap labor. They were not so strong a sentiment as some, but the alliance would be in condition for sea about June 1st.

CHARLES S. MILLER BEGAN SUIT TO-DAY IN THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT AGAINST THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD MINING COMPANY FOR \$25,000.

The company had agreed to pay him \$10,000, the remainder to be paid in monthly installments of \$1,000 each. The Alliance will be in condition for sea about June 1st.

JUDGE SULLIVAN RESIGNS.

More Money in a Legal Practice Than in a Judgeship.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—Superior Judge Sullivan intends to resign, his resignation to take effect Aug. 1st. He said: "I have been on the bench for nearly over nine years. I have enjoyed it, I suppose, all the honor and glory appertaining to the position, and my friends tell me my health has been failing. I have decided that I should lay it up sometime for the future. They tell me—and I am inclined to believe them—that lawyer who can make a good living here can practice his law as Superior Judge amounts to. My family is growing up, and if I am to plunge into the field and try to build up my material interests, it is time I went about it."

DOMESTIC EVENTS.

THE CHEROKEE NATION WILL KEEP THE STRIP.

Exciting Races Through the East—Scorching Weather in Pennsylvania.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CORPORAL TANNER

Makes a Clean Sweep in the Scotch-Irish Convention.

COLONIA (Penn.), May 10th.—At the Scotch-Irish Convention to-day a number of addresses were made by prominent persons. Commissioner of Pensions Tanner spoke at length on the subject of pensions. In his speech he said: "For long we have had one conscientious conviction in my heart which is stronger to-day than ever before, namely, that it is the bound duty of every man to render the service which he shall ever feel the necessity or be permitted to crawl under the roof of an almshouse for shelter. The wolf which has been born in the woods may be driven from the door of the maimed or disabled veterans, and of the widows and orphans of those who have given their lives to their country."

The Scotch-Irish convention swept the floor of the hall, and the speakers were received with a hand-clapping and cheering that had given the subject considerable thought.

The Hon. Joseph McKenna, after reviewing the acts of Congress, gave those present a comprehensive account of our armed defenses, showing that he had given the subject considerable thought.

The Hon. George W. Morrow received a cordial welcome, and in an entertainment spoke of the pleasure he anticipated in carrying out his instructions. He would use all honorable means to increase our command of and strengthen the bonds of unity and friendship with the republics to which he is assigned.

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ANGRY MR. HOBSON.

A MINER'S SHARP LETTER TO THE SUPERVISORS.

The Board Condemns the McCracken Bridge—The McCabe Structure to Be Rebuilt.

Mr. Greer moved that the Overseer of Road District No. 10 be instructed to open the new road petitioned for by H. G. Smith and others, to run from the Brighton road into the Monte Vista tract. Carried.

The report of the viewers in the matter of the petition of F. Prothero and others for a new road in District No. 7 was adopted.

The master of the petition of Mrs. Alice M. Valensen for the opening of a new road to Arno, from the railroad, and the closing of the old one, was taken up and various protests heard; also, arguments on behalf of petitioner's application. After a long discussion the matter was continued until the first meeting in June.

On motion of Mr. Bates, ordered that License Collector Dolan be allowed ten days' leave to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Certain books in the office of Superior Judge Armstrong requiring binding, it was ordered that the Printing Committee undertake the expense.

Complaint having been made that David McNaught had obstructed the natural flow of water across the lower Stockton road in District No. 20, the master was referred to the Board of Engineers and Bridges for inquiry and correction.

A BRIDGE DECLARED UNSAFE.

Scott Jenkins, the expert employed to examine the condition of the McCracken wire bridge across the Cosumnes river, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento: In accordance with your instructions, I proceeded to the McCracken bridge, in company with Supervisor Ross. I find that the bridge is in a dangerous condition, being at least half decayed. I find, also, that the cables are so near the roadway that it would be extremely difficult to improve them by any means. I therefore advise that the Trustees of this city are really desirous of taking steps toward closing up the above-mentioned bridge, and that they ought to come to the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento county, and have the same referred to the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento county, for their action.

Mr. Ross received the following resolution:

On motion of Mr. Ross, the report was ordered received and that, in consequence of the nature of the report, the Overseer of District No. 8 be instructed to post notices at the approaches to said bridge, warning people crossing the same that they did so at their own risk and perils.

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Mr. Ross offered the following resolution:

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DENIES THE CHARGE.

The following communication from J. A. Hobson, of Iowa Hill, Placer county, was read and placed on file:

IOWA HILL, May 9, 1889.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Sacramento: GENTLEMEN.—In an article in the Sacramento Bee, dated April 27, 1889, you will see a list of persons and companies charged with operating hydraulic mining defined of the following: "It is to me that the 'Iowa Hill mine' is run by two Chinamen, owned by J. B. Johnson." The communication does not discuss either the city or county, nor the power of the city or county to regulate or prohibit.

That the Committee on Roads and Bridges proceed at once to repair or reconstruct the bridge, and that it be directed to enter into a contract with any company that is recommended by the Board of Supervisors, and to supply all plans and specifications required to make the proposed canal feasible and could be constructed at small expense. Placed on file.

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CHARLES J. TORBERT.

A Former Sacramento Dies From Effects of a Fall.

The death is announced, in San Francisco on Thursday night, of Charles J. Torbert, a former well-known resident of this city for many years. He removed here to San Francisco when the railroad headquarters were changed to that city. In early days he was foreman of the Confidence Engine Company, No. 1. Mr. Torbert was Private Secretary to Governor Dodge and Sheriff, and a man of fine clerical ability. His wife is a sister of Mrs. John F. Swift and Jos. M. Wood, and daughter of Colonel Wood, who was Clerk of the Superior Court some two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Swift were prominent in society circles in Sacramento during their residence here. For many years Mr. Torbert was engaged in the service of the railroad company. He died a widow and three daughters, two of the latter being married, and residents of New York City. Mr. Torbert's death was the result of a fall received on last Sunday night.

LEAGUE TOPICS.

TODAY'S EAT GAME-Veal Relinstated—McRory's Finger—Etc.

This afternoon, at Snowflake Park, the San Francisco and Sacramento Clubs will cross bats. The grounds are in excellent condition, the outfield much improved, and there is apt to be some good playing seen.

Ben. Young will umpire the game, which will begin promptly at 3:30 o'clock. The make-up of the clubs is as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO POSITION SACRAMENTO
Farrell Pitcher Hapeman
Sweet Catcher...
Powers First Base...
Donahue Second Base...
Stevens Third Base...
Hickey Shortstop...
Levy Left Field...
Vernon Center Field...
Stockwell Right Field...
Megan Extra...

MING BASEBALL MATTERS.

The rules of Veal's suspension has been adjusted so that he will be reinstated, and placed again on the team.

McRory's finger is all right, and the nine generally are in good condition, and better work is expected of them. The game is at present suspended, the session opened.

Hobbs, from his practice during the past week, is in fine condition, and ought to be able to pitch a good game to-day. Borcking receives his first call-up, and is to be in trade as the ball is perfect. It can be better called, however, in a game.

Ferrall, the pitcher whom the San Franciscos will bring with them to-morrow, is an amateur, but is said to have speed al-

most without limit. He played one game with the Broncos some time ago, and did remarkably well. Mergen and Inceil are also played out.

San Francisco leads the League race with .571, Oakland .562, and Rockwell .500. Sacramento brings up the rear with .375. There may be a boom yet.

The St. Louis Sporting News is authority for the statement that Farrell, the Calif. pitcher, is to be a member of the American League.

The Oakland club at present is probably in better condition than any of the others in the California League. It will be remembered that some time ago, however, they had to give up the Monte Vista road to the Brighton road into the Monte Vista tract. Carried.

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Burke pitches to-morrow at San Francisco in the game between the Sacramento and Oaks. The Capital City nine needs to win the game, as the situation is rapidly the "ground hog" condition in their case.

MR. CHURCH REPLIES.

He Explains Himself in His Letter About Closing the Dives.

EADS REPORT-UNION: In reply to your article in this morning's issue, allow me to say that my communication on file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees reads as follows:

"Gentlemen—I have considered Ordinance No. 25. No penalty is attached, and the ordinance therefore is imperative. As I said to you last Monday, the law is clear, and the ordinance is in form, but still it is really cumbersome, so far as effect is concerned. The City of Sacramento is not the only community that has such an ordinance.

"I am of the opinion that the Board of Trustees of this city are really desirous of taking steps toward closing up the dives there, and that they ought to come to the Board of Supervisors and ask them to do what they have done for those places which are already granted for good reasons, but the places will in all probability, run under a云云

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FARM AND ORCHARD.

INTERESTING POINTS FOR THE FARMER.

A Newspaper Man's Poultry — Old Cans for Tomato Plants — General Notes.

The editor of the Placer *Republican*, gives the following as his experience in raising poultry:

We have been reading in an agricultural paper an article on the profit to be made by raising good poultry. It is written by a lucky dog named Smith, Dodson Smith, who goes to tell how he began six years ago with only six chickens. Last year he says he had 200 head of poultry, and he gives the most alluring figures for each month—so many eggs at so much a dozen, etc.—and his profits during 1888 were \$345.80.

About three months ago we bought some hens. There were five hens and a rooster, which we got from Butcher's Ranch, for which you must pay \$1.50 a head. We took them down one night after dark, and left them in the press-room, where we found them later, and wondered why they did not try to get away. The Wyandotte rooster did try, but the hens could not be driven away. They had all been selected with great care, and they all wanted to see what was going on. We then selected various articles for instruction. One was a bundle of paper, another a monkey-wrench, while one was trying to hatch out a glass miniature of Plymouth Rock which we use for a paper weight. She was a Plymouth Rock herself, and the office boy thought she had selected that article because she had never laid an egg. But the Wyandotte was not the reason. It is more likely that she was attracted by the date, 1862. She wanted to take something of the French to the arrival there of several persons.

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Then comes the time when the rats congregate, but just where the rats congregate, the place was boarded up, just before Easter they became dissatisfied and wouldn't lay at all, and of course grocery eggs went. Then the ancient Plymouth Rock determined to "set" again. We threw a good many nestles at her, but she wanted to be standing and old before she can lay again.

When an animal appears to refuse certain foods to which it has been accustomed change the food and give a variety, which will improve the appetite and induce the animal to eat more.

Fowls can stand considerable cold weather without serious discomfort; but they are not iron-clad like lamp-posts.

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There may be something about the hen business we do not understand to make it profitable, but up to date our poultry account is something like this: Cost of plant and interest, \$75; feed, \$12; time devoted to caring for stock, \$50; total, \$89.75. As an off-set we have three dozen eggs at 20 cents a dozen, 60 cents loss, \$5.15.

OLD-TIME AND TOMATO PLANTS.

A market gardener writes the *Country Gentleman* that makes good use of old-tomato cans picks up in the streets, for growing early plants. He says: "When going home from the city market during the summer, I generally drive out of an alley, and can almost always pick up a wagonload of these cans before I get out of town. These are in such a condition that they are not good for seed, but that roaster has developed sprouting qualities like Red Bluff ostrich and it is economy to let him stay. The *Republican's* service in putting up the price of strawberries is alone worth a year's subscription to Mr. Warmington. He has our permission to kill the invader, but good stalks and stalks.

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The Parson Was Ill, But His Mind Was Clear.

The parson of a country church was lying in his bed, three months' arrears of salary was pillowing his head; his couch was strewed with tradesmen's bills, that prick his sides like thorns, and nearly every day he lay in his bed, with a load of worms in his belly.

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SPRAY FOR THE CODLING MOTH.

The quantity as well as the quality of pears and apples, this season, will largely depend upon the amount of spraying displayed by our fruit-growers in fighting the codling moth pest. The first spraying should be done as the blossoms fall and with a solution of Paris green, one pound to 100 gallons of water. About ten days later, while the fruit is small and before it turns yellow, the tree should spray a second coat with a mixture of Paris green and one pound to 150 gallons of water. Use a wagon in which a platform or staging has been erected, so you can spray from above down upon the tree and fruit. The spray or wash should be reduced to a very fine mist by the use of one of the many patent sprayers for that purpose. The fruit should be lapped about three-fourths of an inch. The natural spring of the can will hold the wire on. The cans are all prepared in this manner, and a plant put into each and pull close together in the hotbed. At planting time the can secures the soil until the plant is set, and then the tin casing is raised, and the work is done."

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He was silent, though he had a faint and hoarse whisper, and the deacon said, "Good morning," as he went off in his ire, for the deacon was the leader of that amiable choir—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

The Might of a Seed.

In the city of Hanover, Germany, is an old neglected graveyard. Near the entrance to the cemetery stands the remains of a lady who belonged to the old nobility, and who was buried there about the middle of the last century. The tomb is covered with massive blocks of stone. On one of these stones beside the name of the lady and the date of her death, there are carved these words: "She was born, fought for all time, never gave up." But there are mightier forces than iron clamps.

Cypress grows in groups, called braches, in the swamps and bays of most of our Southern States, and under favorable conditions attains enormous size. The trunk is straight and without limbs often to the height of 100 feet. Its wood is very dense as to the varieties, some claimings that there are three kinds—red, white and yellow, the latter being considered the best; but it is equally asserted that the difference in color is owing merely to the soil and conditions under which it grows.

ANNUAL FRUIT-PLANTING.

Every land-owner, from the one who has only a quarter-acre lot to the farmer who occupies a 1,000-acre farm, should have a constant and yearly supply of fresh fruit for his table the year round. All that is required is a judicious selection of kinds and varieties, and a moderate amount of care and labor. The man

who plants only once in ten or twenty years, and gives no attention between, will be sure to fail. The planting should be made every year, with a few choice kinds. This properly done, will keep up a constant supply, and the yearly attention, and the continued ripening of new sorts, every year, will add to the value of the trees, and a fresh knowledge of the best kinds. There is a new, newly-introduced fruits of value, but it is best to plant proved standard varieties. The owner may purchase annually at a nursery, or raise a small nursery of his own. Now is the time to begin such a system.

FOOTBALL APPLES.

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With a smile he grew, or with a friend,
He only has a short time to spend;
For soon all hopes and fears will blend
In death, and all is at an end.
And then the hovering angels say:
"Twas but a day."
"Twas but a day away."

At early dawn he is a boy—
In perfect joy.
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He has no strings in purest glee;
He grows for naught he cannot see;
He lives and grows content to be.
With a smile he breaks this fragile toy—
More of joy.

At noon he stands upon a throne—
On his own, upon a throne.
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Each day we should duly prize,
In which we may some plan devise;
For aiding friend or foe to rise
With a smile he tosses.

"Well done," the angels then will say,
"A glorious day."

—Frederick W. Pearson, in *New York Mail and Express*.

A HONEYMOON STORY.

We spent our honeymoon at St. Bridget's Super-Mare, and as a natural consequence we quarreled.

My marriage with Celia Dobson was not looked upon with much favor by the greater part of my relations. We Blundells are, most of us, proud of our family and ancestors. We claim to be the direct descendants of the Blundell who serenaded Cœur de Lion outside his prison window. With the exception of this incident, I never could find out that my ancestors had ever distinguished themselves in any way; but my Aunt Matilda, who had acted as guardian to me since my father's death, never lost an opportunity of impressing upon me that we Blundells were second to none in point of blood and descent. I can see now the air of conscious pride and self-satisfaction with which she always spoke of "the family's talents" (a capital F), or settled any vexed question of etiquette by quoting whatever had been from time immemorial the custom of the Blundells with regard to the subject under discussion.

It was, therefore, a shock of no ordinary magnitude to announce my intention of marrying Celia Dobson.

The Dobsons were in trade. That was enough—more than enough for Aunt Matilda. She wept, she entreated, she implored me not to sully the glory of the Blundell escutcheon by allying myself with one who probably could not enumerate her ancestors for further back than a pair of parents.

Her expectations were all in vain. I was my own master. I was head over ears in love with Celia, and I considered that I was, on the whole, the best judge of what would be likely to add to my happiness; and having informed Aunt Matilda that I intended to propose myself to her, she said that it was an honor to the Blundells.

"Oh, I'm glad!" I said shortly. "I see you wish to quarrel—so I shall leave you to yourself to recover your temper, Dobson or Blundell, whichever it may be!" And I walked out of the room, slamming the door after me, and feeling half sorry and half glad that Celia had scolded the olive branch of reconciliation so firmly.

"Quickands!" I said, with a gasp, as I thought that only for my chance meeting with this man I should, in all probability, have walked on unconsciously to an awful doom. "Do they lie between us and the water?"

I now had a fairly plausible grievance—at least I thought I had—and I thrust my arms into my macintosh and took my umbrella out of the stand, with a grim satisfaction in the thought that by going out in weather like this, I'd just make it a shorter time to go this way home to return all that long way by road!

"For all that, sir, it is by the road you must go. I see you're a stranger here, sir, or you wouldn't talk so calm of walking to St. Bridges over the Witches' Sands, the awful quickands along the coast. The Lord help you, for there's none else could, if you got into those sands!"

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"Yes, sir."

I looked along the level sands. The rain had quite stopped. The sun was low down on the horizon, and the wet sand was gleaming in the setting rays. Here and there the retreating tide had left pools of water behind it, and in these I could see the reflection of the pale yellow band of clouds that lay across the sky. The sun was sinking in rest. To my eyes it all seemed one long even stretch—with nothing to tell of the treacherous sands which were waiting to swallow up the unwary traveler.

"Ah! sir, you look mighty long while before you get to the Witches' Sands," said the man, with a smile. "There's but one mark you can see by Heaven's danger signals, I calls them. Do you see, sir, a white mark there down the face of the rock, about one hundred yards from the point, and another mark the same about one hundred and fifty yards along from where you are standing? It's the mark that you must certainly follow, or you'll get into the quickands."

"I'm afraid I don't understand you," said I, with a smile. "Heads in the road—tails in the sand?"

Heads it was, so I set along the road, passed through the village and walked on for some distance, mentally anathematizing Matthew Dobson for having deceived me into such a dead-alive kind of place.

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